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GIFT OF

Gayle Gilbert

2021.42

Friday Jan 1st 1886

Fresh breeze 3 ps & fine weather
 Hove off fore & main Royal gear
 & sent them aloft sent down
 all storm sails & stored them away
 So ends this day Course N 33 05
 15.09

Thursday 7th Jan 1886 8 6 AM

7.40.41	22.13	37.00
12	18.22	12
7.40.29	3.37	37.12
2.71	52.48	36.00
7.42.40	56.39	52.48
7.01	48.37	03.33
7.35.39	28.19	03.30
8.14.13	24.28	34.94
38.36		

Friday 8

Tom Lawrence Seaman died
 at 7.30 am of Dysentery & was
 buried at 12 M (discharged dead)
 Passed a steamer steering to the
 Southward 18.04

7.33 am Jan 8 9.39

7.03.58	22.05	28.29	By N 1/2 N Distance 80
7.03.44	15.51	30.00	
3.16	6.14	61.31	At Eight Bells
7.03.54	61.37	03.30	
2.26	67.45	01.68	15.40
6.58.28	55.17	94.60	10.35
7.38.28	33.52	66.63	
4.03.7	27.38	46.22	
10.14			

Saturday Jan 9. 4.6 P.M.

3.32.97	22.04	30.44
3.31.53	15.38	30.06
3.31.10	6.26	59.16
3.34.03	59.10	03.30
3.26.27	63.42	01.03
4.10.35	52.50	7.34.33
43.58	32.51	16.18.2
10.45	26.25	43.19
14.30	21.55	35.29
10.59.30	15.14	90.06
3.09.02	6.44	54.31
3.08.48	54.31	03.25
2.10	61.12	01.55
3.10.58	47.50	70.86
7.50	30.45	60.78
3.63.08	23.53	36.45
3.50.03		
46.57		

Put John Bonar in the
Booth & he did well to
day

Sunday Jan 10

at Day Lights

S. Carlos rose from

whales from the

deck about 5 am

lowered the L.B

got one at 3.15 pm

had him in on deck whales

going off between N & W

So ended this day

Monday Jan 11

Light Westerly

Winds & very mist

at 6.30 am a

Beetle rose a sperm whale

he went down & we lost him

for two hours run off to

the S & found a school

lowered the L.B & W.B. go

one a Peice Whales going

S & C employed in both

So ended

15.29

11.42

Tuesday Jan 12

At daylight hooked on & cut
the whales in & started the works
so ends

Wednesday 13

Employed in Boiling at 5:30 am
made the Land & about the same
time a native Boat who stood
close to us & tacked heading in to
Mossmedes. Saw a large white
water & a fin Back so ends this
day.

Lat 15.12

Long 11.49

Saturday Jan 16th

Stored down 83 bbls & 12 Gallons of
Sperm oil

Sunday Jan 17th

At 2 P.M. made the Land & at
8.30 came to anchor in Fish
Bay in 7 fathoms of water so ends

Monday Jan 18th

About 9 am went ashore at the
famed town of Fish Bay otherwise
known as Mossmedes

Wednesday Jan 20th

At 4 Am got underway & stood
to sea with the Land breeze on getting
outside the Bay found two
Stomachs a land shaped course
for a Kamena N.E. by N Dist
120' 14.48

Thursday Jan 21st

Light S.W. wind & fine weather
steering N.E. by E at sunset buff
to off shore under top sails & N
Spanker Cape Mary bearing E by
Compass so ends this day 13.38
11.50

Saturday Jan 23rd 1886

Got underway from Guayaquil at mid-
night wind leaving us let the
Anchor go & laid short till we got
the sea breeze while waiting went
ashore to a Sanjard by the name
of Casimiro gave me twenty dollars
worth of fruit & vegetables 4 pigs two
Rabbits eggs &c a good Hearted man

Birth Day

at nine am took the anchor & had
a good breeze for 12 an hour then
had to down two boats & torn off
shore air burstett got a light breeze
from S.W. heading north so ends

Wednesday Jan 27

At 3 P.M. got underway after laying
at Agnamira 3 days & having
Reemited ship got Wood & Water &c.

Friday Jan 29

Light air from the S.W. & fine
weather bore off N.E. by E. top sail
Hazard 1 & 3/4 in Ropes a school of
Whampoles & porpoises in sight

13.12

11.37

Sunday Jan 31st

3.34.49	13.18	30.32
3.36.56	13.27	30.00
3.37.56	13.37	29.28
13.42	59.28	02.01
23.08	63.19	01.20
107.03	35.37	71.99
43.57	31.36	66.87
	27.48	42.08

at 1 P.M. got a
light breeze from

13.27
10.59

then 82 in

the N & Wore ship to the S. S. Ends

Monday Jan 32nd
Calm at about 12 M got a light
breeze from WNW standing to the
Southward at about 2 PM Joseph
William rose 5. 8 M Whales about
230 PM Lowered the L B & W B
got one aprice at sunset had them
fast alongside Whales going to the
Northward so ends Lat 132
one man down with the fever Long 11.12

Tuesday Feb 2nd
Light Westerly winds & fine
weather the water fairly alive with
fish squid &c at daylight took
on & entering the whales & leaved
among the heads & started the work
Ship heading from S to SE so ends

Thursday Feb 4th
Broke out the after hold here
about 1/2 a ton of ballast overboard
stowed it off again & run about
300 lbs of oil down so ends 1320
4. 51.30

Wednesday Feb 10th 1886
Finished painting the W B
inside & out

Thursday Feb 18
Fresh breeze from S & fine weather
Ship heading SW at 5 P. M. Spoke the
steamer Clan Fraser from Liverpool
bound to Cape Horn & St. Sherman
along side of him for papers & he
lost an oar 17.23
3.22

Friday Feb 26. 86
Spoke the Morning Star 29 months
out with 2900 bbls Lat 14 00
Long 7.06 8

Saturday March 8
At 4.13 P.M. S. Carlos Ross
Sperm whales lowered but did
not get any whales going to
the W. S. M. employed in
painting ship 13.03
11.31

March 12 1886

Fine weather with a light S.W. breeze
At 2 P.M. Charles Elizabeth rose
a school of sperm whales going
slow to the S.W. by compass at 2 1/4
lowered. all the boats getting on a pace
Yesterday finished painting ship
& I expect she will be in fine state
by tomorrow night. Thank God
for this day's work 12.08
11.00

March 25 1886

At 12.30 P.M. made the Island of
St Helena Bearing N by N. distant
31' at 7 P.M. Luffed to off the
Harbour to late to get a berth to
night 9 days from the coast of
Africa

March 31st 86

At four P.M. got under way
& shaped a course for Ascension
Mr. Miss Pooles as a bin passenger

April 1 1886

Moderate trades & fine at this
am. Set the foretopmast
Striding sails, Course N N W
from a Philadelphia Lat 15 24 S
from Miss Flora Pooley Long 6 40 m

April 2nd Friday

Fine fresh breeze & fine weather

Sunday April 5th

At daylight made the Island of
Ascension bearing S by distance 15.
At about 11 am went ashore &
got a letter from Addie & spent a
few hours with Mr. Eribell &
wife Paymaster.

Thursday April 8th 1886
Moderate Trades with squalls
of rain employed in killing down
Green Turtle safe for dinner &
Morris Povey making bough
nests for the
Lat 5.57
Long 18.27

Friday April 9th
Light Trades & fine weather
this am carried away fore topmast
Studding Sail Bottom Rore off
fore top sail & yard & bent
a new Gaff top sail so ended
5.20.8
20.04.77

Saturday April 10
Light Trades with squalls of
rain all possible sail set
Course N.W. by or Trial
Lat 4.42
Long 21.5

Sunday April 11th
Light Trades & Showers of rain
throughout the night heavy rain &
Calm.

Lat 4.00 S

Long 23.04 W

Monday April 12
Light airs & Calm throughout the
day heavy Showers of rain during
the night S. E. Ends 3.54.8
24.10

Thursday April 15
Variable winds & squally. Passed
3 sail bound S. S. E. Ends Course
N. N. W.
2.54.5
27.00 W

Friday April 16
Light airs & calms with rain ship.
making a very little way at
5 P. M. got a light breeze from
the Southward hauled her up.
& by N. 1/2 W.
2.42
27.34

Saturday April 17th
Light. Se wind & fine pas
a Brig Bark & Steamer at
3 PM a 3 masted schooner
went by us bound N W
So Ends Lat 2.04
Long 29.0

Sunday April 18th (Horrie)
No wind & much rain a
Bark in sight trying to get to
the S E So Ends
Saw a lot of Black Fish N of the line

Sunday April 19
Light. Se trades & fine weather
Horrie Pooles 2nd 3rd Birth
Day had for dinner a leg of
Roast pork washing with pie
& a bottle of Madeira with
which we drank Mazy & Linn
of the way 80.02 in
Left fore sail & fore 29.30 in
Top gallant sail

Tuesday April 20.
Light wind from ENE &
fine weather. Steering WNW.
Employed in painting ship.
Out Side S. & ends 29.51
00.42

Wednesday April 21
Light breeze from ENE &
fine weather latter part
rainy so ends course WNW
'Sent in foretopmast staysail at 1.42
for repairs Long 30.53

Thursday April 22
Light wind from NE with
showers of rain. Passed the
Ship Niger steering NWN
latter part much the same
2.32
32.34

Friday April 23

Took the Trades strong from
N by E - light still in sight
at 4.30 P.M. spoke him so
ends this day

3.35

34.16

Saturday April 24

Fresh trades & fine weather
at 9 am lost sight of the rig
astern Bent N. En Main
top gallant sail upper & lower
Main top sail so ends.

5.35

36.49

Sunday April 25th

Strong breeze and clear weather
all the forenoon nothing in
sight. made a run of
185 miles during the day
24 hours, steering N. by
North.

37.29

Monday April 25th

Strong breeze all day
nothing in sight, had a
splendid run of 298 miles
cleared out all of the locks
all well and happy we
have not seen anything
of our friend Capt. ~~Smith~~
Schase since the 24th

7 " 20

42 " ~~27~~

Tuesday April 26th

Strong breeze all day
back in sight, run of
199 miles, beautiful
sun-set, clear and
bright, all well.

11, 37

43, 34

Wednesday April 28th

We have gone 177 miles
during the last 24 hours.
The breeze has not been so

strong
to-day but has freshened
up some since Sun Set
Am a bark on lee - wave

Thursday 28th 13.23
45.43
Strong breeze, all night
ran 180 miles, nothing
in sight, smooth sea,
going along nicely 15.57
47.26

Friday April 30th
Right wind, made a run
off 176 miles, nothing in
sight except a Squadron of
Portuguese Men of War,
painted the port side of the
ship, lovely Sun Set. 17.23
50.5

May 1st Saturday
Very light wind only
ran 100 miles during the

last 24 hours, sent a man
aloft. to see if anything
was in sight, saw one
ship on our lee bow,

18. 24
51. 19.

nd

Sunday May 2

Light winds all the forenoon
a little more breeze now,
saw a good lot of sea
weed, just finished sup-
per all in good health

19. 26

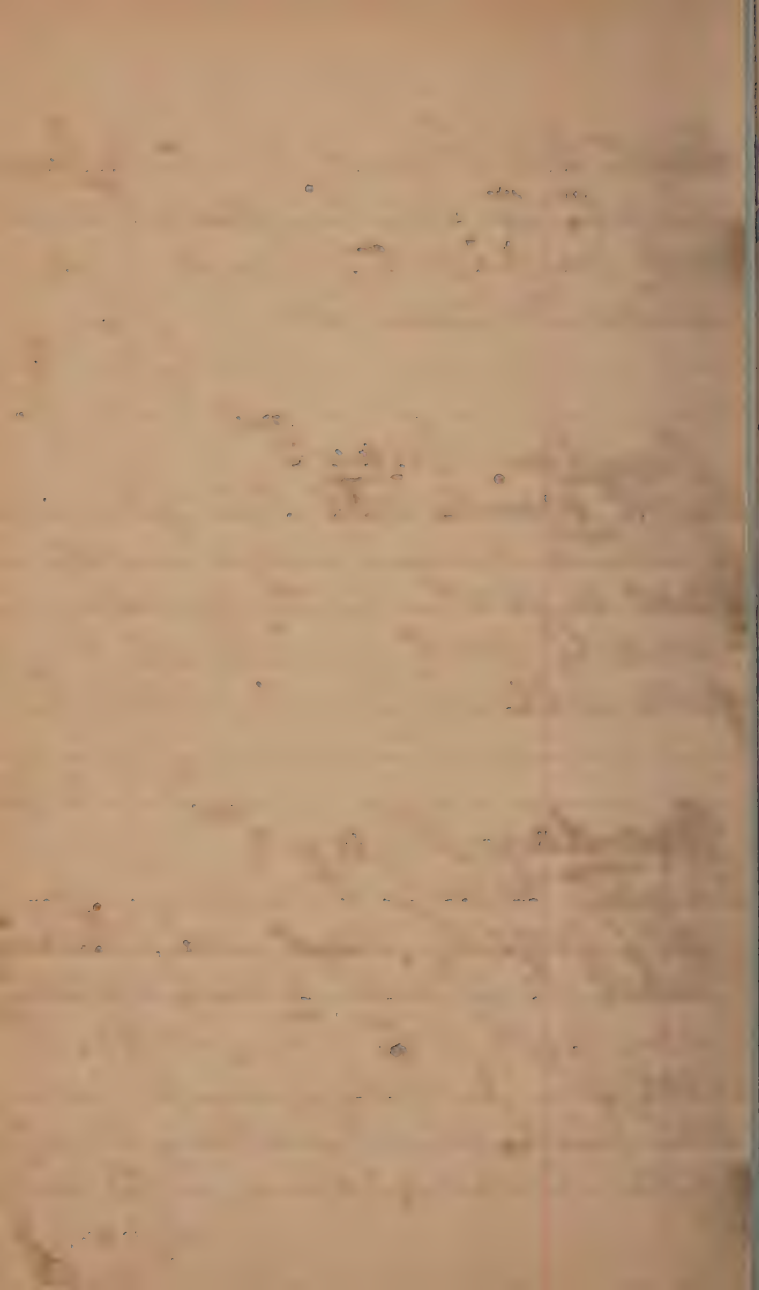
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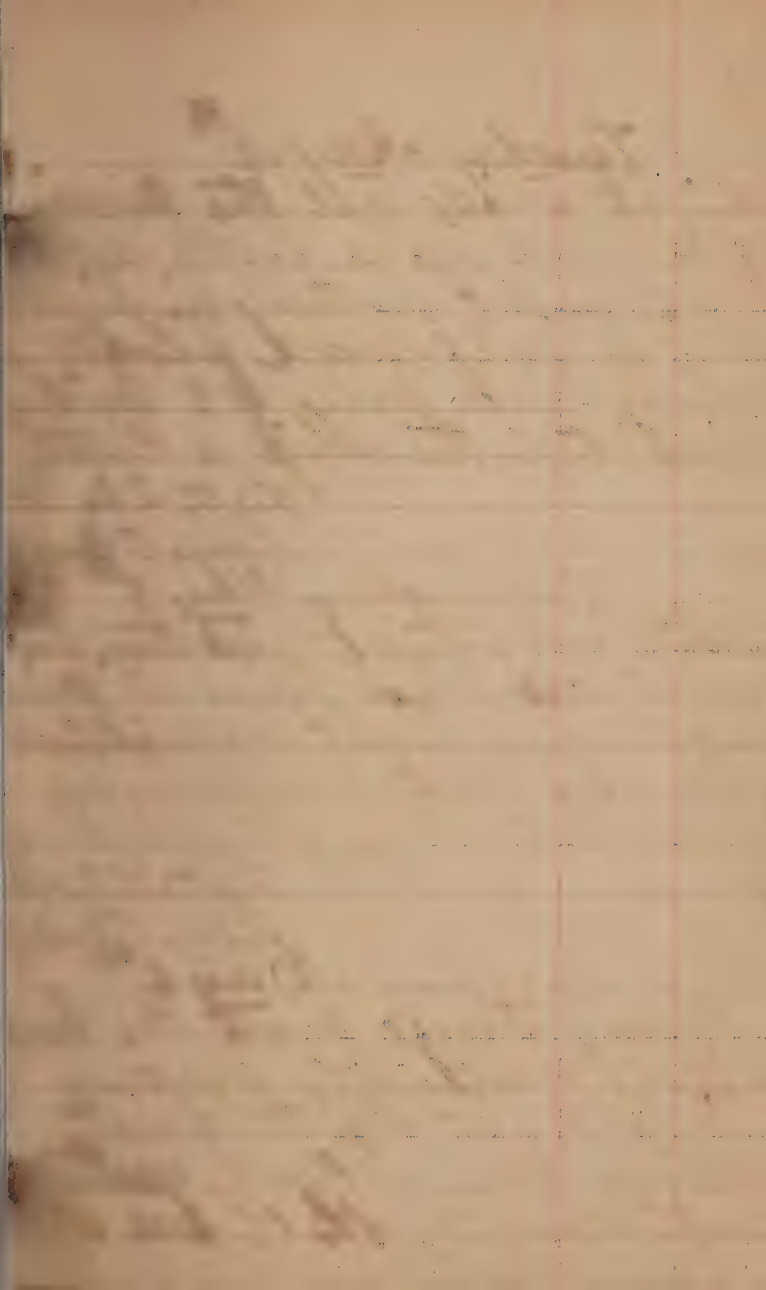
Monday May 3rd

Light winds plenty of
sea weed. Saw an Italian
boat to wind ward signaling
her, and got the signal.
Caught a Dolphin which
we had for dinner, saw
some birds, Run 100 miles

20. 27

54. 0





Tuesday May 4th

Light winds all the morning
freshened up a little after
the Sun-set, nothing in sight
lots of julf-weed floating
along with only 43 miles
past the ship a little
Lat. 21. 38

Long. 54. 51

Wednesday May 5th

Still very tight weather, but
what wind we have is from
nothing in sight vanished
the fog and clearing up
round the ship, all day
Lat. 22. 41

Long. 56. 41

Thursday May 6th

Strong breeze from the N.E.
East gradually working
into East South East
since four o'clock yesterday
afternoon, still we see

fulf weed, sent a man
aloft. but nothing was
in sight, a bark passed
us about three o'clock
this morning much cooler
weather, all well and
jolly. Run 145 Miles

Lat 24.44

Long 58.34

Friday May 1st

Brize Breeze all the morning
seems to freshen up a little
since supper, cleaned out
some of the lockers the
Captain packed his
trunk, we saw a brig
to leeward bound to the
East Indies, would have
signallized if she had
come nearer to us. Killed
my pig had Lye for supper
stealing N.W. by N. Run 145
Miles

Lat. 26.43

Long. 60.18

Saturday May 8th
Nice fresh breeze all
day, cloudy and look-
ing rainy, it sprinkled a
little just now, but
nothing much to speak
of. still we see lots of
gulf weed, run 160 miles
Lat. 23° 22'
Long. 62° 02'

Sunday May 9th
Cloudy and rainy all
day a strong breeze
all the forenoon the
wind has changed and
we have head winds
taken in the royals.
For the first time since
we left St Helena. Have
not seen the Sundew
morning, men all busy
on deck taking in sail
fore about 1500 miles
during the last 24 hours

Monday May 10th
Very strong breeze all
last night, wind from
the north all day. A bark
passed us at 5 o'clock
A.M. and was going beau-
tifully we saw another
vessel on our lee bow she
was an American brig
we signaled her, she
came very close to us we
could see lumber on her
deck the wind has mod-
erated a little since
noon. The Moon is shining
weather so much cooler
obliged to bring our birds
below, and to put our
plants under cover. Just
set the flying-jib and
fore and main top sail
hant sail. Run 190
miles. Rove off a new

Spanker sheet, and a new
main top-sailant sheet.
Still we see full weed.
but not in such quantity.

Lat. $34^{\circ} 46'$
Long. $65^{\circ} 49'$

Tuesday May 11

Light variable winds all
day almost a calm steer-
ing by the winds from N.
W. to N. N. W. saw some
pieces of planks and a
very large spar, nothing
in sight all day. Weather
much warmer today we
see full weed still. The
moon is shining beautifully.
We ran 100 miles. Lat. $34^{\circ} 3'$

Long. $67^{\circ} 5'$

Wednesday May 12

A dead calm all day
not a breath of air, it has
freshened up some, since

four o'clock, painted round
the ship a little, lowered
the masts boat to paint
the ship outside, nothing
in sight. Run only 50
miles. today Lat. $37^{\circ} 8'$
Long. $68^{\circ} 21'$

Thursday May 13th
Strong breeze from the
southward all day, steering
north by west, saw a brig
astern this morning but
he has not been seen
since noon. Saw some
spars passing by to-day
helped the Captain to
ack a little, took down
the tri works, and sent
the cutting gear down
from aloft, and stowed
it away, going home
fast, hope to be on the edge
of the stream tomorrow. Lat. 33.33
 68.53

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Friday May 14

Barometer low last night
blew very hard, took in some
sail, the glass fell and we
had nice weather. This morn-
ing we were obliged to take
in the top-sails, the wind
kept knocking her off, so we
tacked ship at 11 o'clock
and are now steering N. by
quarter north, the main top
sail ~~piece~~ parted. Run
165 miles up to noon, just
set some more sail, a sail
astern of us. Barometer rising
all the time. Ship sailing
like every-thing, saw a
few pieces of drift-wood
and a few Portuguese
frigates sailing north
some of them, 60 miles
of Cape Hatteras Hatteras
Lat. 36. 11
Long. 69. 31

Saturday May 15th
Very light winds all day
~~steering~~ steering our course, and
wind fair such as it is
We only ran 8.3 miles
The last 24 hours, washed
all the paint work
this forenoon, and varnished
the wheel, the mizzen top
sallant stay sail sheet
parted this afternoon
saw ~~two~~ sails and a two
masted Steamer, also saw
some full weed, and a few
Portuguese men of war.

Lat. $36^{\circ} 03'$
Long. $70^{\circ} 35'$

Sunday May 16th
Strong trade air the forenoon
took in sail at 12 o'clock
set sail again shortly
after dinner, steering
N by East, wind from the

North must, going down
nicely, very cold, clear
weather clear sky and
land. It was about 1000, the
moon has risen the land
place and is the same
all of her story. I just
reached a safe sound
to the eastward and the
eastern coast of the island
of Little Port flew by
board a species of
this upon it must have
been blown off over the
ocean from land. Only
ran 13 miles. Lat. $38^{\circ} 50'$

Long. $74^{\circ} 34'$
Monday, 21st May
Very light wind, and
strongly north north east
head winds or calms
all of last week we
only sixty five miles

from shore, if we could
only have a breeze we could
get there by tomorrow noon
May be I'll meet her and
to New York and several
ships, lots of eggs, birds
and plants & birds. Saw
a Pilot boat and the
Captain lowered down a
boat and went for her.
They very kindly gave us
some fresh butter, and
scallops. Close by the side
she is a lovely little
motel, the Captain gave
us board a little while
the Schooner's name was
Thomas & O'Keefe. The ship
"Llewellyn" which took
my people home had an
excellent safe after a very
dangerous passage. I'll
recall for to-night

Tuesday Mar 18th

Head winds all the forenoon
light air from the South
~~some~~ the South Shoal Light
Ship, bearing N E by E dis-
tance about 12 miles, lots
of ships in sight all day also
several steamers, quite an
interesting day. Saw lots of
birds and a little swallow
flew on board a little while
ago. A bucket passed by
and a branch with a few leaves
on it. We have now a nice
little breeze and steering
our course and sincerely hope
we will be able to get in here
this may be the last time I write
this book so I will say good
bye to the "Platina" having
spent so very many happy
days on board of her

Tuesday May 18th

~~Wednesday May 19th~~

9:30 P.M. Made fair head
light bearing N.W. by N. $\frac{1}{4}$
North, distance about 18 miles
at 8 P.M. took a Pilot and
ended this very pleasant passage.







